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REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/475,466, filed June 7, 1995. A Notice of Appeal was filed in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/475,466 on June 13, 2003. Therefore, an Appeal Brief was due August 13, 2003 in U.S. Serial No. 09/475,466, but a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time was filed extending the deadline for filing the Appeal Brief to September 13, 2003. Since September 13, 2003 is a Saturday, the Appeal Brief is due on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, i.e. Monday, September 15, 2003. Accordingly, the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 08/475,466 is pending today and the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have hereinabove amended the specification on page 1 to insert the continuation data, and canceled claims 3-19, 21-24, 27-33 and 41-49 without prejudice to reduce the filing fee. Applicants maintain that the amendments made hereinabove do not raise any issue of new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Formal Drawings

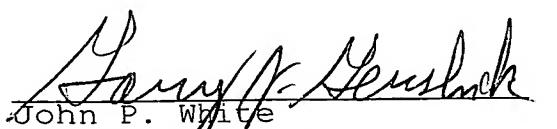
Applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit 1** SIXTY TWO (62) sheets of new, corrected formal drawings of Figures 1-43 to be used in the subject application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the filing fee of \$870.00, is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,


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